

Chapter 10 Light







I THREAT,
DAY AND
NIGHT
MAKES NO
DIFFERENCE
TO YOU
PEOPLE.

HONESTLY/
WHAT TIME
DO YOU
THINK IT IS?











HUH...?

—I
GUESS IT
DOESN'T
MATTER.



I'M NOT
LEAVING.



AH, THE OLD
ACQUAINTANCE
YOU WERE
TALKING
ABOUT IS...



I'M
GONNA
GO HOME
AHEAD
OF YOU
GUYS.

WHAT?











HURRY,
AUNTIE!



WE WOULD
HAVE A
CHILD JUST
LIKE THIS,
AND THE
THREE OF US
WOULD WALK
THROUGH THE
TOWN DURING
THE DAY.

HE
WOULD
STILL
BE
ALIVE,
WE WOULD
BE LIVING
TOGETHER.



—MAYBE
THIS IS
THE KIND
OF LIFE I
COULD
HAVE
HAD.





Sign: Help Wanted





OH, STOP
COMPLAINING.
WE WERE
SUDDENLY
KICKED OUT OF
THE LAST
PLACE WE
WERE STAYING
AT. WE DON'T
HAVE ANY
OTHER
CHOICE!

JUST
LOOK AT
YOURSELF!
TRYING
TO BE THE
GUARDIAN
OF A FULL-
GROWN
ADULT!

MANOMÉ'S
MORE OR LESS
RETIRED FROM
THE MARIA
BUSINESS.
I THOUGHT YOU
WOULDN'T GET
MIXED UP IN
ANYTHING
PROBLEMATIC...



IT
WOULD
HAVE
BEEN
FINE,

IF THAT
GIRL AND
YOU
HADN'T
SHOWN UP



LEAVE
THIS
PLACE.

IF YOU
STAY HERE,
EVEN MORE
TERRIBLE
THINGS ARE
GOING TO
HAPPEN.



YOU'VE
GOT ONE
FOOT IN
THIS
TOWN'S
UNDER-
WORLD

ARI-CHAN,
NOW THAT
YOU'VE
GONE
THROUGH
THIS, YOU
UNDER-
STAND
DON'T YOU?

BUT
RIGHT
NOW,
YOU CAN
STILL
GET
OUT.





OH, WELL.
GO GET
SOME REST
FOR TODAY!

—MWN.



THIS IS
NON-
SENSE.

I ARRANGED
TO HAVE A FINAL
DINNER PARTY
BECAUSE I
HEARD THAT
YOU WERE
LEAVING.



—IF THIS
IS HOW
THINGS
ARE GOING
TO BE, IT
WOULD
HAVE BEEN
BETTER IF
YOU HAD
NEVER
COME BACK
HERE.



I
WANT
TO BE
THERE
FOR HER.





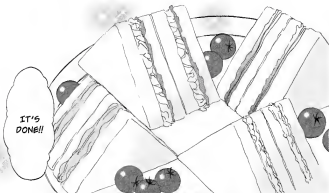


GOOD
MORNING,
CHINATOWN!













—IT'S
NOT AS IF
I DON'T
THINK OF
TSUKASA.



WERE TO
SEE MEI IN
THIS FILM
ONE DAY,

BUT IF
SOMEBODY,
SOME-
WHERE,



WELL,
THANKS FOR
BREAKFAST
I'M GONNA
HEAD OUT

THAT
THIS
LITTLE
GIRL IS A
KILLER.

I'M SURE
THEY'D
NEVER
THINK



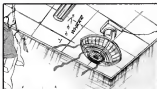






—
“PROTECT
ME,” SHE
SAYS?





MEI, AM I
A "LIGHT"
FOR YOU
AS WELL?





THAT'S
FINE FOR
NOW.

BUT I'M
NOT A
LIGHT
BY ANY
MEANS.





JUST A
SMALL,
YOUNG
GIRL.

YOU'RE
STILL

AFTER
ALL,